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CLAIM TO PRIORITY

Sir:

Applicants hereby claim priority in the above-identified continuation application under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Applications:


JAPAN	2000-056294	March 1, 2000; and
JAPAN	2001-050386	February 26, 2001.

A Claim to Priority, along with certified copies of each of the priority documents, was filed on June 18, 2001, in parent Application No. 09/793,130 of this continuation application. Accordingly, copies of the priority documents are not being submitted herewith.

Applicants respectfully request an acknowledgment in the first Official Action of this continuation application that the certified copies of the priority documents were received in parent Application No. 09/793,130, and an indication that certified copies are not required to be filed in this continuation application.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the below-listed address.

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